

NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR PERMIT MODIFICATION

PERMIT NO.: WA0040932

APPLICANT: Clark Public Utilities
1200 Fort Vancouver Way
Vancouver, WA 93668

FACILITY: River Road Generating Project
NW Lower River Road
Vancouver, WA 98668

OPERATION: Clark Public Utilities (CPU) operates a 248-megawatt gas-fired combustion turbine combined cycle (CTCC) power facility. The process is a combined-cycle, meaning the turbine burns natural gas to turn a generator to produce electricity.

The above-named industry has applied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit modification in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington and the Federal Clean Water Act. This modification proposes to eliminate the enforcement limitations on pH, iron, manganese, and coliform bacteria for all of the Ground Water Monitoring Wells. It also removes the up-gradient ground water monitoring wells as wells subject to enforcement limitations and defines total nitrogen.

I. TENTATIVE DETERMINATIONS

On the basis of preliminary staff review, the Department of Ecology proposes to issue a permit modification that authorizes the above discharge pursuant to certain limitations. A final determination will not be made until all comments received, pursuant to this notice, have been evaluated.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit modification within 30 days of the date of this public notice. Comments should be sent to the Industrial Permit Coordinator at:

Department of Ecology
Southwest Region-Water Quality
P.O. Box 47775
Olympia, WA 98504-7775

If the comments received indicate significant public interest in a proposed permit modification, or if useful information can be produced thereby, the director may hold a public hearing on the modification. Public notice of such hearings will be given at least 30 days in advance of the hearing.

The draft permit and statement of basis are available upon request. Please contact Laurie Conger at (360) 407-6280, lcon461@ecy.wa.gov, or at the address above for copies of these documents.

All other public file documents related to this permit are available for inspection and copying, by appointment, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays at the Southwest Regional Office of the Department of Ecology. To arrange to review these public file documents, contact Sherri Greenup, Public Disclosure Coordinator, at (360) 407-6365, SWAL461@ecy.wa.gov, or at the address listed above.